

Jim Matson Research

Below is a Series of Exchanges between Sherri Underwood and Jan Kelm. Sherri contacted WCGS through our website asking for help in her family research. This is an example of the length to which our researchers will go to help those with ties to Washington County. Rather than charge for services, we merely attach the following to our replies, "We do not ask for payment for our services, but if you feel that we have given you information that has been valuable to you, a donation to Washington County Genealogical Society would be greatly appreciated. We are a 501c3 organization and all donations are tax deductible."

July 8, 2018

My name is Sherri Underwood and I am looking for information on the Matson Family in Washington County (pre and post-civil war). They are listed as mulatto on many census records.

Chas Wodsen Matson and Eliza Matson. They had a son named Jim and a daughter Amanda. Jim had a son named Charlie or Chas. Charlie/Chas had children with a woman named Janine Harris (we can't find much information on her). They in turn, had Willie Lee (my grandfather), Judge/JT, Ollie, Eula, Robbie Lee. He also had a wife named Anna Davis after Janine Harris (don't know what happened to her).

It has been said that Jim Matson killed his wife and/or her lover and escaped to Mexico. We have found records where his son Charlie/Chas and his 2nd wife Anna crossed the border with the kids including my grandfather.

Any information would be most helpful.

In Response To Information Sent by Jan Kelm: *We are in an uproar over here. We kept hearing stories that he killed his wife and/or his lover. This doesn't elude to that but I have a feeling it is more to the story especially since he didn't want to talk to his wife.*

Correction to previous information that I had given to you earlier. Charlie/Chas Matson and his wife Anna applied for a passport to visit Jim Matson in Tampico, Mexico in September, 15th, 1920 not 1926. This would have been 5 years after the last article. From the other information that you sent me looks like they sold his land around 1915.

Did you search the articles for the man that Jim Matson killed? If not, we might find out more information.

Various Messages Sent to Sherri in reply to her Query

Here are some articles from local newspapers. I found them on www.texas-history.com. They tell a sad story. I'm thinking that Jim left for Mexico soon after 1915. There are Brenham newspapers on that site through the late 1920s and I found nothing after 1915.

I have found three more clippings. The first one I found under Alex Thomas showed the name of Jim Matson as James Matson. So I looked up James Matson and found two more. Nothing learned beyond what we knew before but here they are. Oh I don't know if it said before that his wife had come to visit but this does.

I would suspect that Jim is the son of Moses and Rosette because they are the right age. The children of Charles and Tilda don't agree with Jim and the two sisters mentioned in the deed. Also, the entry for Charles and Tilda don't make sense. I don't believe that Tilda aged 50 was having those children.

I'm attaching a Word document with my notes about the Matson family. Things I found, comments to myself so I can keep up with what I know and what I need to find. It may be something you haven't found. I also MIGHT try to go to the District Court here and see if there's a record of whether they tried him again after he returned from the asylum. As I said there should have been something in the papers, but even though they are online during the 1920s, it may be that there's a time period missing and that's when he was in there. I'll see if I can find something this week. It's pretty fascinating and I have a hard time letting go of it without a little more understanding of what might have happened to Jim.

Jan Kelm Research Notes

Washington County Marriage records:

Jim Matson married Rose Phillips 28 June 1880

Ollie Matson married Christine Green Darden 12/2/1987

Ollie Matson married Katherine Crenshaw 12/30/1971

Charles Madison married Jane Felder ...Not sure of date, no certificate online and it says 1/1/1900 which the system seems to do when they don't have a date.

James Madison married Elnora Johnson. Maybe 11/30/1905

James Madison married Katie Cox 5/7/1885

James Madison married Ann Madison 1/17/1869

Rena Madison married Walter Johnson 5/23/1885

Passport application Chas Matson

b. Washington county, July 16, 1881

lives in Trinity County

Passport for himself and wife, Annie b at Trinity Jan 29, 1891

Ula born at _____ Texas 12/04/1904

Ollie? Age 2? Born in Leon Co.

JT aged ?

Charlie age 8

Annie age 6

Robbie age 5

Willie Lee age 1

Father Jim Matson was born in Washington County and is now residing in Mexico.

Reason for passport: to locate father and look after his interests
7 August 1920

There is more info on the actual census, such as occupation, birthplace, etc. that can be looked at better if necessary.

1870 Washington County, Texas (downloaded)

Matson, Charles, 50, male, black

Matilda, 25, female, black

Georgia, 8, female, black

Mose, 5, male, black

Robert, 3, male, black

Moan, 3/12 male, black

1870 Washington County Texas

Matson, Mosus, mulatto, male, 50, blacksmith, farmer, Kentucky\

Matson, Rosetta, 50 female, black, virginia

1880 Washington County Tx census: (downloaded)

Roan, Alford age 40

Hiller?, black female, age 36, wife

Lee, Black, male, 17, son

Jimmy, black male, 15, son

Elizabeth, black female, 13, daughter

Willie, black male, 8, son

Emily, black female, 7, daughter

Davy, black male, 5, son

Erastus, black male, 2, son

Roan, Rena, black female, 75, mother

Madison, jim, mulatto, male, 19, occupation: stopping, stopping?????

1900 Washington County Texas Census (downloaded)

Matson, James, black male, b. May 1861, age 39, married 19 years

Lizzie, black female, b. 1862, age 37, married 19 years, 4 children, 4 living

Charley, son, b. July 1881, 18 single

Anna, daughter, black female, Nov 1882, 17

Burnet, son, black male, Nov 1884, 15

Ollie, son, black male, Dec 1886, 13

Jim says he's married 19 years. Census was taken June 16, 1900. Listing above says Jim Matson Married Rose Phillips on June 18, 1880. But census here shows wife is Lizzie.

1910 Washington County, Texas

Matson, James, mulatto, married 2nd time for 14 years, born Tx both parents born Texas

Matson, Lizzie, wife, mulatto, 40, married 1 time for 14 years, 0 children, Tx

Allen, Anna, daughter, mulatto, 27, widowed, 1 child, 0 living, Texas

I believe this is the same James and Lizzie as in 1900 above. I know the 1900 one says he's been married 19 years but people didn't often understand that and gave the total amount of marriage with all wives. He probably was married to Rose Phillips as in marriage records

1910 Leon Co

Matson, Charlie, male, mulatto, 29, married 1 time for 6 years

Janis (Janie) wife, mulatto, 30, married 2nd time for 6 years

Thomas son, mulatto, 11,

Eula, daughter, female, mulatto

Ollie, son, mulatto, 1 6/12

Whitaker, John, boarder, male black, 18 single

1920 Trinity, Trinity Co

Matson, Chas, male, black

Janie, wife, 32

Eula, daughter 14

Ollie son, 10

J. T. son, 9

Charlie Jr., son 8

Anna, daughter 4

Thomas son 6/12

Broddie, Thomas, son, 6/12

Matson, Elizabeth, mother, 50, widowed

This looks as if Charlie would be James and Lizzie's son in 1900.

Findagrave:

Jessie Matson, 22 Sept 1908, 6 August 1972 Flat Prairie Cemeter, son of Jim & Luvateer V (Newsome) Matson, US Army, WWII

Jessie Mae Matson, April 17, 1938, Oct 27, 2014

Judge T Matson, 17 Aug 1910, 8 Nov 1975, Houston Memorial Gardens, Pearland, son of Charlie Matson and Janie Harris

Ollie Matson, 9 October 1908, 15 April 1967, Houston National Cemetery, Houston

Willie Lee Matson, 22 May 1919, 19 Jan 1976, Houston National Cemetery.

that 1880 that shows Rena Roan in the same household. Rena...Rhoda... easy to be written wrong back then.

Deed Records Washington County, Texas

Vol U. p. 247. Dedrich Bremer & Mary Bremer to Moses Matson \$700 in Haldeman League 66 7/100 acres. Feb 14, 1866 for \$700. One of the witnesses was J. V. Matson. J. V. Matson owned land west of Long Point and he owned slaves.

Vol Y, p. 109. James E. Shepherd to Moses Matson for \$40 in the J. Haldeman League.....where said Moses lives....containing between 3 & 4 acres for \$40. 1 Dec 1867

Vol Z, p. 249. N. J. Turner, guardian, George Irvin, Wesley Irvin, Mary Irvin to Moses Matson in the Ashley Stevens League 150acres for \$850 16 November 1871.

Vol 42, p. 88. M. S. Nunn of Bastrop County sold to Jim Matson for \$315 (promissory note described) the northeast half of the 210 acre tract (see all of this description I have below in Vol 64, p. 376. 10 Feb 1898

V. 45, p. 453. Jim paid off the note in Vol 42, p 88 and this was a release.

V52, p 474 has information regarding family of Rhoda Matson and Mose Matson and their children. One is James. This is 1905. Look this up

V. 53, p. 458 Thomas Hewett, Leonard Hewett, Willie Sledge formerly Willie Hewett, joined by her husband John Sledge of the county of Travis for \$100 and 2 promissory notes of \$100 each, our undivided 1/3 interest in and to the 150 acres in the Ashley Stevens League.....being the same land conveyed by Nancy S. Turner and others to Moses Matson November 16, 1871 in Book Z, p. 249

V. 58, p. 74: Jim and Lizzie Matson of Washington County sold to Charley Matson of Leon county. \$300 Cash in hand. This being 50 acres out of 150 acres that Moses Matson bought on November 16, 1871. Part of the Ashley Stephens Headright League. 50 acres out of 150 acres conveyed by Nancy S. Turner, Geo. Irvin, Mary Irwin, Wesley Irvin to Moses Matson by deed dated November 16, 1871,.....(now at the end it says: Witness our hand and seal at Colvin this 11 day December 1908. (Jim and Lizzie signed with an X)

I would think that Colvin was up at Flat Prairie because that's where the Colvins live now but the notary portion says they signed in Lee County. I see on the League map that that the Ashley Stevens League is in the Flat Prairie area and is partly in Lee County.

V 64, p. 376: Jim Matson and Lizzie Matson of Washington County for \$1500 paid by Grady McCain and B. F. Teague, the NE half of the 210 acre tract sold by M. G. Wilson to Thos. R. Nunn Nov 2, 1858 recorded in book G, p. 559, being a part of the Ashley Stevens League and part of the 425 acre tract sold by C. B. Shepard to said M. G. Wilson, the land here sold being the northeast half of the 210 acre tract, a full description of said tract book G, p 559. Description of southwest half of said tract Book 18 Page 371 from J. T. Hardy and wife to Tom Phears June 9, 1884. Said NE half 105 acres being hereby sold.

Also 50 acres of land inherited from Mose Matson, father of Jim Matson, there being originally 150 acres in the tract, said 150 acres being equally divided between Nancy Tarver, Maria Hewett, and Jim Matson, the 50 acres herein conveyed is the 50 acres set aside to Jim Matson out of this 150 acres.

The 50 acres above referred to was out of a tract of 150 acres described as follows: And we, Ben Greer, Turk Madison, Nancy Tarver joined by her husband John Tarver, Willie Sledge joined by her husband John Sledge, and Lenno Nitus Hewett.....have sold.....unto the said James Matson of said state and county, 50 acres being undivided in the said Irvin tract containing 150 acres.....being the same land conveyed by the Irvin heirs to Mose Matson by deed recorded in Book Z, p 249.....which said tract is to be surveyed among the parties owning interest therein and their respective shares to be set apart to the herein mentioned.

“To Jim Matson 50 acres off of the Irvin tract”

This deed was dated October 26, 1905, and recorded in Book 52, page 474.

9 June 1913 Jim and Lizzie signed with an x.

Vol 66 p 81 Charles Matson and wife Janie of Leon Co sold the 50 acres in Vol 58, p 74. It mentions within the deed a second tract of 106 acres in Vol 57, p 203 that Charles got in District Court Cause 14525 Abbie Jones, etal vs. Charles Matson

Book 66, p. 449 Release of note in Vol 53, p. 458. April 18, 1914

Eddie Harrison, local black historian, often comments on how many black people had a good amount of money to buy property very soon after Emancipation. The first 3 land deeds above have Mose Matson spending \$1590 for land. This is equivalent to \$25, 866 in 2018. That really doesn't sound like a lot but if you were coming out of slavery and had nothing, where would you have gotten that money. There was another slaveowner who we know allowed one of his slaves to do shoe repair work for other slave holders or other area people and I think got 10 cents for each job. That slaveowner later took that emancipated slave down to Fort Bend County to help him buy farmland. He didn't want anyone to take advantage of him so took him there to help buy the land. This may have happened in various instances. In most census, the Matson family is shown as black, but in 1900 and 1910, they are mulatto. It is highly likely that Moses Matson is not really Jim's father but that Moses wife (Rosetta) and slaveowner James V. Matson are Jim's parents. There is no marriage record for Moses and Rosetta I assume that no slaves had marriage records. James V. Matson was a witness on one of the deeds above. So he may have done what I mentioned above....made sure that Moses got a good deal....maybe because that would be good for Rosetta and Jim. This of course is all supposition

1880 Washington County Texas census Pct 4

John Tarver black male, 37 farmer

Nancy Tarver, black female 20, wife

Cooper Robert, black male, 49, minister of the gospel

Mary Tarver, Black female, 15, daughter, servant

Washington County Marriage records

June 7, 1879 John Tarver Nancy Matson

Oct 28, 1877 Thomas Hewett and Maria Matson

NEGRO SLAYER AT THE COUNTY JAIL MAY NOT RECOVER

James Matson ,negro, now in the county jail, awaiting a preliminary for the confessed murder of Alex Thomas, another negro, near Burton Saturday night was not improved today. The attending physician advised Sheriff D. E. Teague that it could be ascertained by night whether the prisoner had any chance for recovery.

Matson is suffering of a gun-shot wound in the side. The injury was caused by the explosion of his own gun, which he was using as a club to complete the killing of Thomas, already prostrate because of a shot. It was not believed that the wound would be necessarily fatal at first, but the failure of immediate attention, it is believed, may cause septic poisoning. The negro's wife came from near Burton Wednesday morning and spent several hours at the jail.

NEGRO MAY DIE

James Matson Shows No Signs of Improvement But Still Has Chance for Recovery.

James Matson, now in the county jail for killing Alex Thompson, another negro, is showing no improvement according to the attending physician. His condition Thursday morning was slightly worse, but he has a chance for recovery. The wound is in the left side and while not deep is exceedingly ugly and dangerous.

CONDITION IS CRITICAL

The condition of James Matson, the confessed slayer of Alex Thomas is decidedly critical. Matson received a gunshot wound in the side from his own gun, while he was using it as a cudgel upon the person of Thomas, whom he killed near Burton last Saturday night.

It was not at first thought that the wound would necessarily be serious but it is now feared that complications will arise that will tax the physicians skill. The negro's wife from Burton, spent a good portion of Wednesday with the prisoner, who is confined at the county jail.

JIM MATSON, NEGRO KILLER, REFUSES TO BE BETTER OR WORSE

James Matson, wounded negro and confessed slayer of Alex Thomas, another negro, is becoming an enigma.

It cannot be accurately discovered whether he is dangerously sick, or whether he is displaying a variety of unnatural nerve under the suspicion that he might become subject for an operation. To add to the confusion, he charges himself with being wounded even more seriously than the physician has suspected.

According to the details of the unusual case, the physician says it is an aggravated flesh wound containing an element of possible septic poisoning, caused by neglect immediately after the trouble. In addition the negro, by frequent groans and ocular rollings, shows occasional signs of intense pain. Because of these conditions, the physician naturally concluded that he was a sick dinky.

Contrary to professional opinion, the negro last night walked across his cell to talk to Sheriff Teague and confidentially declared that he wanted to side-step an operation. At the same interview, however, he told the sheriff that he knew that some of the buck shot was in his abdominal cavities. If this latter statement is true, it is pretty certain his condition is more serious than at first suspected.

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on the 13th day of April A.D. 1908, sell and by deed convey unto Charley Matson of Washington County Texas all that certain tract of land lying and being situated in Washington Co. Tex. on the border of the Regua Creek, and described as follows: One undivided 1/3 interest in and to one hundred and fifty acres of land more or less, out of the Ashley Stephen Landright League, and further described in said deed which contained a vendor's lien on same.

My in satisfaction of all claims to us in and paid by Charley Matson in this release unto him by said Charley Matson all claims that we may have at law or equity to said lands.

Given under our hands and seal this, the 23rd day of Oct. A.D. 1908.

Hannie Parver
John Parver

Witness
R. M. Johnson

State of Texas, Before me, R. M. Johnson a Notary Public in and for Lee Co. Tex. On this day personally appeared Hannie Parver joined by her husband John Parver, known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledges to me that they executed the same for the purpose and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this the 23rd day of Oct. 1908.

R. M. Johnson, J.P.
Ex officio N.D. of Lee Co. Tex.

Filed for Record Dec. 14, 1908, at 10 o'clock A.M. C. A. Seward, C.R.M.
And Recorded Dec. 14, 1908, at 5 o'clock P.M. By A. J. Wendt Deputy

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Matson Jim wife
to Charley
Matson Charley

The State of Texas, County of Washington. Know all men by these presents: That we Jim Matson (joined by wife) Lizzie Matson of the County of Washington and State of Texas in consideration of the sum of Three Hundred (\$300.00) Dollars paid by Charley Matson as follows: Cash in hand. The receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, sold and conveyed

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by these presents do grant, sell and convey unto the said
 Charlie Matson of the County of Lee and State of Texas all that
 tract of land or parcel of land situated in Washington Co. on
 the N.W. corner of the 4000 and described thus Part of the Ashley Step-
 hens head right league, the same being 500 fifty acres out of the
 tract of 1000 one hundred and fifty acres conveyed by Nancy & Turner
 Geo. Irvine, Mary Irvine Wesley Irvine to Moses Matson by deed dated
 Nov. 16th 1871 said one hundred and fifty acres of land out of which
 the fifty acres is hereby conveyed are described thus Beginning at
 the East corner of said league a stake from which a post oak
 marked H. bears S. 35° West five Vs. and a da. marked H. bears N. 41° E. 44
 four Vs. thence runs with the N.E. boundary line of this league N.
 35° W. 53 1/2 Vs. to a stake from which a Pin Oak marked H. bears S. 32° W. 10 ds.
 and a Pecan marked H. bears N. 82° W. 7 Vs. thence runs S. 55° W. 116 Vs. to
 a stake from which a Black Jack marked H. bears S. 31° E. another
 Black Jack marked H. bears S. 54° W. 10 Vs. thence runs S. 35° E. 29 1/2 Vs.
 to a stake being also W. Gillelands corner from which a big
 Post Oak marked H. bears N. 13° E. 17 Vs. dist. thence runs N. 55° E.
 324 Vs. to a stake from which a Post Oak marked H. bears N. 11 West
 20 Vs. thence S. 35° E. 2.16 Vs. to a stake in prairie thence N. 55° E. 57 1/2 Vs.
 to a stake from which a Hickory marked X bears S. 18° E. 15 Vs. thence
 runs S. 35° E. 324 Vs. to stake in the S.E. boundary line of this league
 from whence the Post Oak marked H. bears S. 55° W. 10 Vs. distance thence
 runs with this line N. 55° E. 51 1/2 Vs. to the place of beginning.

To have and to hold the above described premises, together
 with all and singular, the rights and appurtenances there to
 in anywise belonging, unto the said Charlie Matson and
 his heirs and assigns forever. And we do hereby bind ourselves
 and heirs, executors, and administrators, to warrant and
 forever defend, all and singular, the said premises unto
 the said Charlie Matson and his heirs and assigns, against
 every person who now or ever lawfully claiming or to claim
 the same or any part thereof.

Witness our hand at Colvin this 11 day of Dec. A.D. 1908
 Signed, Sealed and delivered in the presence }
 of R. M. Johnson } Jim Matson
 Lizzie Matson

The State of Texas }
 County of Lee } Before me, R. M. Johnson N. A. in and
 for Lee County, Texas, on this day personally
 appeared Jim Matson known to me to be the person
 whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument
 and acknowledged to me that he executed the same

for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.
Given under my hand and seal of office this 11th day of Dec. 1908
R. M. Johnson, J.P. and
of Lee Co. Tex.

The State of Texas }
County of Lee } Before me R. M. Johnson, J.P. in
personally appeared Jim Watson and Lizzie Watson wife
of Jim Watson known to me to be the persons whose
names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and
acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the
purpose and consideration therein expressed. And the said
Lizzie Watson wife of the said Jim Watson having been
examined by me privily, and apart from her husband and
having the same by me fully explained to her, she the
said Lizzie Watson acknowledged such instrument to be
her act and deed, and she declared that she had willingly sign-
ed the same for the purposes and consideration therein
expressed, and that she did not wish to retract it.
Given under my hand and seal of office this 11th day of Dec. A.D. 1908.
R. M. Johnson J.P.
of Lee Co. Tex.

Filed for Record Dec 14, 1908, at 10 o'clock A.M. O. H. Seward C. C. B. N. C.
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Brauer & wife
t. & Exec.
Schulz Paul

The State of Texas }
County of Fayette } Know all men by these presents: That
we H. F. Brauer and wife Theodora Brauer
of the County of Washington and State of Texas, for and in
consideration of the sum of Two Thousand \$2,000.⁰⁰
Dollars to us in hand paid and secured to be paid
by Paul Schulz of Fayette County State of Texas, Cash in
hand paid the sum of Five Hundred and Twenty-five (\$525.⁰⁰)
Dollars and for the remaining sum executed and delivered
to us in hand his two (2) promissory notes No. 1 for the
sum of Five Hundred and Seventy-five (\$575.⁰⁰) Dollars
payable on or before January 1st A.D. 1909, No. 2 for the
sum of Nine Hundred (\$900.⁰⁰) Dollars payable on or
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In default of which, both notes to mature at the option of the owner of same. Have Granted, Sold and Conveyed, and by these presents, do Grant, Sell and Convey unto the said W.B.Lilly of the County of Washington, State of Texas, all that certain lot or parcel of land lying and being situated in Brenham, Washington County, Texas, and known as lot No. Six (6) in Block No. Ten (10) of what is known as post oak Grove Addition to the City of Brenham, Tex.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the above described premises, together with all and singular the rights and appurtenances thereto in any wise belonging unto the said W.B.Lilly his heirs and assigns forever; and We do hereby bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators to warrant and forever defend all and singular the said premises unto the said W.B.Lilly his heirs and assigns, against every person whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof

But it is expressly agreed and stipulated that the Vendor's Lien is retained against the above described property, premises and improvements, until the above described notes and all interest thereon, are fully paid according to their face and tenor, effect and reading, when this deed shall become absolute.

Witness our hands at Brenham, Texas, this 22nd day of Moh.A.D. 1913.

C.G.BOTTS.

D.C.WILLIAMS.

JAS.H.SIMON.

THE STATE OF TEXAS.

COUNTY OF WASHINGTON.() Before me, The undersigned Authority in and for Washington County, Texas, on this day personally appeared C.G.Botts, D.C.Williams and Jas.H.Simon, all known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 22 day of Moh.A.D. 1913.

(seal)

THOS. B.BOTTS. NOTARY PUBLIC

WASHINGTON COUNTY. TEXAS.

Filed for record June 7, A.D. 1913, at 11 O'clock, ---- A.M.() GREEN MORGAN. C.C.C.W.C.

Recorded June 10, A.D. 1913 at 8 O'clock, ----- A.M.() BY C.J. Kendall Deputy.

DEED--- JIM MATSON & WIFE TO GRADY MCCAIN ET AL.

THE STATE OF TEXAS.

COUNTY OF WASHINGTON.() KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: -That I, Jim Matson joined by my wife Lizzie Matson, of the County of Washington, State of Texas, for and in consideration of the sum of Fifteen Hundred (\$1500.00) Dollars, to us in hand paid by Grady McCain and B.F.Teague, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged.

Have Granted, Sold and Conveyed, and by these presents do Grant Sell and Convey, unto the said Grady McCain and B.F.Teague, of the County of Washington, State of Texas, all that certain tract or parcel of land in Washington County, Texas, being the North east half of the 210 acre tract sold by M.G.Wilson to Thos.R.Nunn by deed dated Nov.2, 1855, recorded in Book G. pages 559 & 560, being a part of the Ashley Stephens League and part of the 425 acre tract sold by C.B.Shepard to said M.G.Wilson, the land here sold being the north east half of the above mentioned 210 acre tract, a full description of which said tract is found in said deed recorded in Book G. page 559 & 560. And description of the south west half of said tract is found recorded in Book No.15 page 371, of said records in a deed from J.T.Hardy & wife to Tom Phears dated June 9, 1854,

to all of which said deeds and records reference is here made for more particular description and identification of the said north east half- 105 acres hereby sold.

Also fifty acres of land inherited from Mose Matson, father of Jim Matson, there being originally one hundred & fifty (150) acres in the tract, said 150 acres being equally divided between Nancy Tarver, Maria Hewett and Jim Matson, the 50 acres herein conveyed is the 50 acres set aside to Jim Matson out of this 150 acres.

The fifty acres above referred to was out of a tract of one hundred & fifty (150) acres described as follows:

" And we, Ben Greer, Turk Madison, Nancy Tarver joined by her husband, John Tarver, Willie Sledge joined by her husband, John Sledge, and Lenno Nitus Hewett, for and in consideration of the conveyance of certain property hereinafter described conveying all his right, and title to us, have granted, bargained, sold and conveyed, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said James Matson of said State and County, 50 acres being undivided in the said Irvin tract containing 150 acres, field notes to be hereinafter described."

" being undivided out of the said Irvin tract of 150 acres. Said tract being described as follows: A part of the Ashley Stephens League on the waters of the Yegua Creek.:-

Beginning at the S.E. corner of said league from which a B.O. bears S.33 W.5 vrs. a Do. brs. N.41 E.4 vrs. Thence with the N.E. bdy. of said league N.55 W. 831-1/2 vrs. to stake in league line from which a P.O. brs. S.32 W.10 vrs. a pecan brs. S.82 W.7 vrs. Thence S.55 W.1460 vrs. to corner from which a black jack brs. S.54 E. a do brs S.84 W.10 vrs. Thence S.55 E. 231-1/2 vrs. a stake for corner from which a P.O. brs. N.13 E.17 vrs. Thence N.55 E. 334 vrs. to corner from which a P.O. brs. N.11 W.20 vrs. Thence S.55 E. 216 vrs. to corner. Thence N.55 E. 593 vrs. to corner from which a hickory brs. S.18 E.15 vrs. Thence S.35 E.334 vrs. to corner in league line from which a P.O. brs. S.55 W.10 vrs. Thence with league line N.55 E. 543 vrs. to the place of beginning containing 150 acres of land, being the same land conveyed by the Irvin heirs to Mose Matson by deed recorded in Book Z. page 249, deed records of Washington County, which said tract is to be surveyed among the parties owning interest therein and their respective shares to be set apart to the parties herein mentioned.

" To Jim Matson 50 acres off of the Irvin tract."

This deed was dated October 26, 1905 and filed for record March 1st. 1906, recorded in Book 52 Pages 474 etc.---

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the above described premises, together with all and singular the rights and appurtenances thereto in anywise belonging unto the said Grady McCain and B.F. Teague their heirs and assigns forever, and we do hereby bind ourselves, heirs, executors and administrators to warrant and forever defend, all and singular the said premises unto the said Grady McCain and B.F. Teague, their heirs and assigns, against every person whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof.

Witness our hand at Brenham, this 9th day of June A.D. 1913.

his
JIM X MATSON.
mark

her
LIZZIE X MATSON.
mark

THE STATE OF TEXAS.

COUNTY OF WASHINGTON. () Before me, Sudie Harris, a Notary Public in and for Washington County, Texas, on this day personally appeared Jim Matson, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

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Given under my hand and seal of office this 9th day of June, AD. 1913.

SUDIE HARRIS, NOTARY PUBLIC
Washington County, Texas.

(seal)

THE STATE OF TEXAS.
COUNTY OF WASHINGTON. () Before me, Sudie Harris, a Notary Public in and for Washington County, Texas, on this day personally appeared Lizzie Watson, wife of Jim Watson, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and having been examined by me privily and apart from her husband, and having the same fully explained to her, she the said Lizzie Watson acknowledged such instrument to be her act and deed and declared that she had willingly signed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed, and that she did not wish to retract it.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 9th day of June, A.D. 1913.

SUDIE HARRIS, NOTARY PUBLIC
WASHINGTON COUNTY, TEXAS.

(seal)

Filed for record June 9th, A.D. 1913, at 11 O'clock, --- A.M. () GREEN MORGAN, C.C.C.W.C.
Recorded June 10, A.D. 1913 at 9 O'clock, ----- A.M. () BY W. J. [unclear] Deputy.

DEED--ADOLPH WENZEL & WIFE TO MRS. SELMA SCHWARTZ.

THE STATE OF TEXAS.
COUNTY OF WASHINGTON. () KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That we, Adolph Wenzel and wife, Mrs. Helene Wenzel, of the County of Washington in the State of Texas, for and in consideration of the sum of Four Hundred Seventy Five and No/100 (\$475.00) Dollars cash, to us in hand paid by Mrs. Selma Schwartz, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, have Granted, sold and conveyed, and by these presents do Grant, Sell and Convey unto the said Mrs. Selma Schwartz of the County of Washington in the State of Texas, all that lot or parcel of land lying and being situated in the town of Burton, Washington County, Texas, and being one half (1/2) of lot No. Two (2) in Block No. ~~3~~ Forty Seven (47) in said town of Burton, according to the map drawn by Theo. Kosse and recorded in Book-- Page-- Deed Records of Washington County, Texas, and fully described as follows:

Being the S.E. one-half (1/2) of said lot No. Two (2) in said Block No. Forty Seven (47) containing twenty five (25) feet front and rear, and One hundred Fifteen (115) feet in depth To Have and to hold the above described premises, together with all and singular, the rights and appurtenances thereto in anywise belonging unto the said Mrs. Selma Schwartz, her heirs and assigns forever.

And we do bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators, to Warrant and Forever Defend, all and singular, the said premises unto the said Mrs. Selma Schwartz, her heirs and assigns, against every person whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof.

But it is hereby expressly agreed and stipulated that we retain and hold title absolutely in the Blacksmith Shop now situated and contained on and in the said premises, and we agree covenant, and obligate ourselves, to remove the said Blacksmith Shop off the said premises not later than the 1st. day of July, A.D. 1913.

Witness our hands at Burton, Texas, this 5th day of March, A.D. 1913.

ADOLPH WENZEL.

the purposes and considerations therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office, this 23rd day of January, A.D. 1914.

(seal)

C.G. BOTTS, NOTARY PUBLIC,

WASHINGTON COUNTY, TEXAS.

Filed for record Jan. 24, A.D. 1914, at 10 o'clock, -----A.M. (GREEN MORGAN, C.C.C.W.C.)

Recorded Feb. 6, A.D. 1914 at 2 o'clock, -----P.M. (BY a. J. Merritt Deputy.)

DEED-- CHAS. MATSON & WIFE TO W.F. KIEL,

THE STATE OF TEXAS.

COUNTY OF WASHINGTON] KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That We, Charles Matson and wife, Janie Matson, of the County of Leon, in the State aforesaid, for and in consideration of the sum of Twenty Seven Hundred (\$2700.00) Dollars, to us paid and secured to be paid by W.F. Kiel, as follows: Three Hundred (\$300.00) Dollars cash to us in hand paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and the further consideration of One promissory note of even date herewith for Twenty Four Hundred (\$2400.00) Dollars, payable on or before January 1st, 1914, to Charles Matson, or order with interest thereon from January 1st, 1914, until paid, at the rate of 8% per annum, the interest payable annually as it accrues, both the principal and interest payable at Burton, Tex. Failure to pay any installment of interest on said note when due, shall mature said note at the option of the holder thereof, the usual 10% attorney's fee is provided for in said note, signed by W.F. Kiel.

Have Granted, Sold and Conveyed, and by these presents do Grant, Sell and Convey, unto the said W.F. Kiel, of the County of Washington, State of Texas, all that certain two tracts or parcels of land, being situated in Washington County, Texas, and fully described as follows, to wit:

First Tract being situated on the Waters of the Yegua Creek, a Part of the Ashley Stephens League and being 100 acres of land (50 acres of which were conveyed to said Charles Matson by Jim Matson and wife, Lizzie Matson by deed dated Dec. 11, 1908, recorded in record of Deeds for Washington County, Texas, in Vol. 58, page 74, and 50 acres of the same were conveyed to said Charles Matson by Nannie Tarver and her husband, John Tarver by deed dated April 13th, 1908, recorded in Record of Deeds for Washington County, Texas, in Vol. 57, page 78, to both records of which reference is hereby made) the same being a two third $\frac{2}{3}$ interest out of a 150 acres tract, apart of said Stephens League conveyed by Nancy S. Tarver et al to Moses Matson by deed dated Nov. 16, 1871, recorded in Record of deed for Washington County, Texas, in Book 2, page 249, and described by metes and bounds as follows: Beginning at the East corner of said League, a stake from which a P.O. mkd. H. brs. S. 33° W. 5 vrs. thence with the N.E. boundary line of said League N. 35° W. $83\frac{1}{2}$ varas to a stake from which a Lin Oak mkd. H. brs. S. 32° W. 10 vrs. Thence S. 55° W. 1460 varas to a stake from which a black Jack mkd. X. brs. S. 54° E. 10 vrs. Thence S. 35° E. $291\frac{1}{2}$ varas to a stake at H. Gillelands corner. Thence N. 55° E. 324 varas to a stake from which a P.O. mkd. H. brs. N. 11° W. 20 varas, Thence S. 35° E. 216 varas to a stake in the prairie Thence N. 55° E. 593 varas to a stake from which a Hickory mkd. X. bears S. 18° E. 15 varas. Thence S. 35° E. 324 varas to a stake in the S.E. boundary line of the Stephens League, from which a P.O. mkd. A. bears S. 55° W. 10 varas. Thence with said S.E. line N. 55° E. 543 varas to the place of beginning.

SECOND TRACT being an interest in a 106 acres tract conveyed by Wm. Turner and wife, W. Turner to said Charles Matson by deed dated Dec. 10, 1909, recorded in Record of Deeds of Washington County, Texas, in Book 57, page 203 and set apart to Charles Matson by the District Court of Washington County, Texas, in Cause No. 14525, Styled Abbie Jones et al Vs. Charles Matson, the same being a part of the Jas. Goacher League, described by metes and bounds according to a survey made March 27, 1913, by W.B. Francis, County Surveyor, as follows:

No. 2 Set apart ~~was~~ to Chas. Matson:
 Beginning at the upper corner of the original tract in the center of the Yegua Creek, and
 being in the S.W. line of the said Jas. Goacher League. Then with said League line S. 35° E. 169
 varas to the West corner of the said Div. Survey No. 1, Gum bush mkd. X. brs. N.E. 1/2 feet. Then with
 N.W. line of divisional survey No. 1 N. 55° E. 286 varas to North corner of same in N.E. line of
 the original tract. Then with said line N. 35° W. 1501 varas to the lower corner of said origi
 inal tract in the center of the Yegua Creek, then up the meanderings of said Creek to the
 beginning corner, containing an area of 80 acres of land.
 TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the above described premises, together with all and singular the rights
 and appurtenances, thereto in anywise belonging unto the said W.F. Kiel, his heirs and assigns
 forever, and we do hereby bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators to warrant
 and forever defend all and singular the said premises unto the said W.F. Kiel, his heirs and
 assigns, against every person whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim the same or any part
 thereof.

But it is expressly agreed and stipulated that the Vendor's Lien is retained against the
 described property premises and improvements, until the above described note and all interest
 thereon, are fully paid according to its face and tenor, effect and reading, when this deed
 shall become absolute.

Witness our hands at Burton, Tex. this 13th day of October, A.D. 1913.

Charles Matson,
 her
Jennie X Matson,
 mark.

THE STATE OF TEXAS.
 COUNTY OF WASHINGTON | Before me, F.A. Homeyer, a Justice of the Peace and Ex Officio Notary
 Public in and for Washington County, Texas, on this day personally appeared Charles Matson
 known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and ack-
 nowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 14th day of October, A.D. 1913.
 (seal) F.A. HOMEYER, J.P. & EX OFFICIO NOTARY PUBLIC
WASHINGTON COUNTY, TEXAS.

THE STATE OF TEXAS.
 COUNTY OF LEON | Before me, W.E. Powell, Ex Officio Notary Public, in and for Leon County,
 Texas, on this day personally appeared Jennie Matson, wife of Charlie Matson, known to me to
 be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and having been examined
 by me privily and apart from her husband, and having the same fully explained to her she the
 said Jennie Matson, acknowledged such instrument to be her act and deed, and declared that
 she had willingly signed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed, and
 that she did not wish to retract it.

Given under my hand and seal of office, this 25 day of Oct. A.D. 1913.
 (seal) W.E. POWELL, NOTARY PUBLIC,
IN AND FOR LEON CO. TEX.

Filed for record Jany. 24, A.D. 1914 at 11 O'clock, ----- A.M. | GREEN MORGAN, C.C.C.W.O.
 Recorded Feby. 6, A.D. 1914 at 3 O'clock, ----- P.M. | BY A.J. Merritt Deputy.

RELEASE.---CHARLIE MATSON AND WIFE JANIE MATSON. TO W.F.KIEL.

STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF WASHINGTON.

WHEREAS, by Deed dated 13th day of October 1913, recorded in the County Clerk's office of Washington County Texas, in Book ___ page ___ Charles Matson and wife Janie Matson conveyed to W.F.Kiel One Hundred Eighty (180) acres of land, a part of the Ashley Stephens and Jas Groacher leagues, in said County, fully described in said Deed, to which reference is hereby made retaining therein a Vendor's Lien, securing payment of Twenty Four Hundred (\$2400.00) Dollars, for which said W.F.Kiel executed one promissory note as follows:

Dated at Burton Texas, Oct. 14-1913, due Jan 1st, 1914 for \$2400.00 Said note is payable to Charles Matson or order at Burton Texas, with interest thereon at the rate of 5% per annum from Jan 1st, 1914 until paid, the interest is payable annually as it accrues, The usual 10% attorneys fee is provided for in said note if placed in the hands of an attorney after maturity for collection or if collected by legal proceedings.

And whereas said W.F.Kiel has paid the said note in full satisfaction of said incumbrance.

Now, therefore, I, Charles Matson being the legal owner and holder of the above described note at the time of payment, do hereby release the above described property from the Vendor's Lien aforesaid.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my name, at ___ this ___ day of ___ 191___

Charlie Matson.

her

Janie X Matson.

mark.

STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF LEON.

Before me W.E.Powell J.P. and Ex Officio Notary Public in and for Leon County, Texas, on this day personally appeared Charlie Matson and Janie Matson wife of Charlie Matson known to me to be the persons whose names as subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office, this 8 day of Jan. A.D. 1913.

W.E.Powell J.P.and
Ex Officio Notary Public.

(Seal)

Filed for record Feby 9, A.D. 1914 at 3 o'clock P.M. () Green Morgan G.C.C.W.G.
Recorded February 15, A.D. 1914 at 2 o'clock-- P.M. () By Julie Rankin Deputy.

CONTRACT.---J.F.WIEBUSCH AND G.W.WIEBUSCH.

STATE OF TEXAS.

COUNTY OF WASHINGTON

Know all men by these presents: This contract and agreement made and entered into by, J.F.Wiebusch, of the County of Burleson, State of Texas, here-in-after styled party of the First Part, and G.W.Wiebusch, of the County of Washington, State of Texas, styled party of the Second Part:

claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof
Witness my hand this 24th day of January 1907
F. P. Hardin

The State of Texas
Grimes County Before me J. Bowen a Notary Public in and for
Grimes County Texas on this day personally
appeared F. P. Hardin known to me to be the person
whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and
acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the
purposes and consideration therein expressed
Given under my hand and seal of office this 24th day of January
1907
J. T. Bowen Notary Public
Grimes Co. Texas

Filed for Record 25 Jan 1907 at 8 o'clock A.M. O. H. Seward. Clerk
And Recorded 21 Feb 1907 at 5 o'clock P.M. By R. V. Hoffmann, Deputy

NO 217 The State of Texas
Hunt County of Travis Know all men by these presents that
I et al we Thomas Hewett, Leonard Hewett
to deed Willie Sledge formerly Willie Hewett joined by her husband
Matson John Sledge of the County of Travis and State of Texas
for consideration of the sum of One Hundred Dollars cash
hand paid to us by James Matson receipt of which is
acknowledged and the further consideration of two promissory
notes of even date herewith executed by the said James Matson
favor of Thomas Hewett each for the sum of One Hundred Dollars
and payable respectively on or before January 1st 1908 and January
1st 1909 with interest from date at the rate of 8 percent per annum
payable annually and providing for 10 percent attorney fees
collected by suit The vendors lien being expressly reserved
on the hereinafter described property to secure the payment
of said notes, have granted sold and conveyed and by these
presents do grant sell and convey unto the said James Matson
of the County of Washington and State of Texas all that certain
tract or parcel of land lying and being situated in the County
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Witness my hand this 24th day of January 1907
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The State of Texas
Grimes County, Texas
Before me, J. Bowen a Notary Public in and for
Grimes County Texas, on this day personally
appeared F. P. Stardin known to me to be the person
whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and
acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the
purposes and consideration therein expressed
Given under my hand and seal of office this 24th day of January
1907
J. T. Bowen Notary Public
Grimes Co. Texas

Filed for Record 25 Jan 1907 at 8 o'clock A.M. O. H. Seward, Clerk
And Recorded 21 Feb 1907 at 5 o'clock P.M. By R. V. Hoffmann, Deputy

No 217 The State of Texas
Hewitt County of Travis
I know all men by these presents that
we Thomas Hewitt Leonard Hewitt
to and Mrs. Willie Sledge formerly Willie Hewitt joined by her husband
Matson John Sledge of the County of Travis and State of Texas
for consideration of the sum of One Hundred Dollars cash
hand paid to us by James Matson receipt of which is
acknowledged and the further consideration of two promissory
notes of even date herewith executed by the said James Matson
in favor of Thomas Hewitt each for the sum of One Hundred Dollars
and payable respectively on or before January 1st 1908 and January
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on the hereinafter described property to secure the payment
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of the County of Washington and State of Texas all that certain
tract or parcel of land lying and being situated in the County
of Washington in the State of Texas on the border of the Yegua
Creek described as follows:
Our undivided one third interest in and to One Hundred and
acres more or less out of the Ashley Stephens Headright land
and bounded as follows: Beginning at the East corner of railroad
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 stake from which a post oak marked 'H' bears N 11° W 20 varas
 thence S 35° E 216 varas to a stake in prairie thence N 55° E 593
 varas to a stake from which a hickory marked 'X' bears S 18°
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 ary line of the Stephens league from which a post oak marked
 'A' bears S 55° W 10 varas thence with said S.E. boundary line
 N 55° E 543 varas to the place of beginning. Being the same
 land conveyed by Nancy S. Turner and others to Moser Matson
 by deed dated November 16th 1871 and recorded in Book 2 page 12
 249 of the Deed Records of Washington County Texas to which deed ref-
 erence is here made Quintient herein conveyed being 50 acres.

To have and to hold the above described premises together with
 all and singular the rights and appurtenances thereto in any
 wise coming unto the said James Matson his heirs and as-
 signors forever And we do hereby bind ourselves our heirs, executors
 and administrators to warrant and forever defend all and singular
 the said premises unto the said James Matson his heirs and as-
 signors against every person whomsoever lawfully claiming
 to claim the same or any part thereof.

Subject however to the vendors lien herein before recited to secure
 the purchase money notes above described.

Witness our hand at Austin this 21st day of December A.D. 1906

Thomas Hewett
 Leonard Hewett
 Willie Sledge
 John Sledge

The State of Texas
 County of Travis Before me the undersigned authority on this day per-
 sonally appeared Thomas Hewett Leonard Hewett
 and John Sledge known to me to be the persons whose names are sub-
 scribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that
 they executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein
 expressed. And also came Willie Sledge wife of John Sledge known
 to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instru-
 ment and having been examined by me privately and apart from her
 husband and having the same fully explained to her she the said
 Willie Sledge acknowledged such instrument to be her act and deed
 and declared that she had willingly signed the same for the purposes and

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STATE OF TEXAS.

COUNTY OF WASHINGTON) (Before me, W.H. Wedemeyer, a Notary Public, in and for Washington County, Texas, on this day personally appeared Albert Hinze, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office, this 31st day of December, A.D. 1913.

(seal)

W.H. WEDEMEYER, NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR WASHINGTON CO. TEXAS.

Filed for record June 22, A.D. 1914 at 8 O'clock, ----- A.M. | GREEN MORGAN, C.C.C.W.C.
Recorded June 23, A.D. 1914 at 8 O'clock, ----- A.M. X BY W.J. Wendt Deputy.

RELEASE--- ADELINA NOBLES, JO JAS. MATSON.

THE STATE OF TEXAS.

COUNTY OF WASHINGTON X Whereas, by deed dated 21st. day December, 1906, recorded in the County Clerk's Office of Washington County, Texas, in Book 53, page 458, Thos. Hewett et al conveyed to James Matson, Fifty (50) acres of land, a part of the Ashley Stephens League in said County, fully described in said deed, to which reference is hereby made retaining therein a Vendor's Lien, securing payment of One Hundred and No/100 Dollars, for which said James Matson executed one promissory note as follows:

Dated December 21st, 1906, payable on or before Jan. 1st, 1909, to Thomas Hewett or order, with interest at the rate of 8 per centum per annum, the interest payable annually as it accrues.

And Whereas, the said note for a valuable consideration was legally transferred to Adelina Nobles a feme sole, as evidenced by a contract of Renewal and extension of Vendor's Lien entered into by said Adelina Nobles and James Matson of date June 23rd, 1913, and recorded in Vol. 1, Page 163, Record of Extensions of Vendor's Liens for Washington County, Texas.

And Whereas said James Matson has paid the said note in full satisfaction of said incumbrance.

Now, Therefore, I, Adelina Nobles, being the legal owner and holder of the above described note at the time of payment, do hereby release the above described property from the Vendor's Lien aforesaid.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my name, at Buxton, Texas, this 18th day of April, 1914.

ADLINA NOBLES.

THE STATE OF TEXAS.

COUNTY OF WASHINGTON) (Before me, F.A. Homeyer, A Justice of the Peace and Ex Officio Notary Public in and for Washington County, Texas, on this day personally appeared Adelina Nobles, a feme sole, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that she executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 18 day of April, A.D. 1914.

(seal)

F.A. HOMEYER, J.P. & EX OFFICIO NOTARY PUBLIC, WASHINGTON COUNTY, TEX.

Filed for record June 22, A.D. 1914 at 11 O'clock, ----- A.M. | GREEN MORGAN, C.C.C.W.C.
Recorded June 23, A.D. 1914 at 8:30 O'clock, ----- A.M. BY W.J. Wendt Deputy.

JIM MATSON GOT NO BAIL

The examining trial of Jim Matson charged with the killing of a negro named Thomas which occurred near Burton some time ago was held Wednesday and Matson was remanded to jail without bond.

It will be remembered that it was claimed that Matson waylaid Thomas and shot him and then used the gun as a club to crush his skull and that while he was striking his adversary over the head the gun discharged and inflicted a wound in Matson's side, which it was at first thought would terminate seriously. The case will be tried at the September term of the District Court.

OLD JIM MATSON AGAIN ARRESTED AND PUT IN JAIL

Jim Matson, a negro who killed John Thomas, another negro about three years ago about some family trouble and later sent to the asylum was recently discharged from there and again arrested at Giddings and brought to Brenham.

Matson, after killing the negro Thomas, is said to have clubbed the victim with his gun and in so doing the gun is said to have been discharged, the shot striking him in the side.

Matson was arrested and placed in jail, medical attention was secured and he was soon able to be about. This, however, was not to Matson's liking and he immediately began to fast, hoping thereby to create the impression that he was insane. The ruse worked well and he was later tried and sent to the insane asylum.

After a stay of about two years he was released early in January and started to farm at his old home. This became known to the authorities and a watch was kept on the negro with the result as above stated.

This new development in the case will be watched with interest and there is no doubt that he will be tried at the next term of the district court.

Jim Matson Worse.

Jim Matson, the aged colored man who is now in the county jail waiting to be taken to the Insane Asylum, is reported as being much worse by those who have him in charge. It is probable that he will be taken to the asylum at an early date.

Pathetic Story Of Jim Matson Old Negro Charged With Murder; Now Raving Maniac Who Will End His Life In Insane Asylum

Jim Matson, the old colored man who has been confined in the county jail since last April was taken to the Insane Asylum at Austin last night, and will spend the remainder of his days there, unless he regains right mind, in which event he will be brought back to Brenham and tried on a charge of murder.

There is something strangely pathetic in the story, and troubles of this old darkey, whose days are now in the shadow of the grave. Had he been left alone and unmolested, it is barely possible that he would have lived but few years longer at the most, and since the trouble which has recently overtaken him, it is probable that his days will be cut much shorter.

All his life Matson has been known as a quiet, law-abiding and peaceable negro—a white man's negro he was called by all who knew him, and his friendship for the white people never flagged. He lived in the Flat Prairie neighborhood, 8 miles from the town of Burton in the edge of the Yegua creek bottom. He owned his home and farm and had quite a lot of land additional, to say nothing of various kinds of stock and other property.

The records of the various courts of Washington County showed that Matson was an unknown factor so far as a breaker of the laws were concerned. He paid his poll taxes and other taxes, attended to his own business, and pursued the even tenor of his way, undisturbed and disturbing nobody. But the hour of fate struck for him when one of his neighbors, another darkey, circulated the report that old man Matson had been guilty of criminal conduct towards a young negro girl in the neighborhood. Matson, on hearing of the accusation flew into a rage and vented his anger by threatening to whip his traducer on sight.

The name of the man who had thus bandied the name of Matson, was Alex Thomas, and a few days later Thomas and Matson met at some kind of public gathering. A difficulty took place precipitated by

Matson, so it was stated, and for which he was indicted in Justice Court. The case was pending in Burton.

One Saturday Matson and Thomas were both in Burton. Probably it was the day on which the case was called for trial.

Matson hurried homeward first; secured a double-barreled shot gun and waited for Thomas to come along. Finally as Thomas came driving along he was suddenly confronted by Matson, the man whom he had lost hours in talking about face to face with the deadly shot-gun. He begged for mercy, but no mercy came to him. Deliberately Matson told him of his doings and while the pleadings of Thomas were still ringing in his ears he blew the man's brains out. Then he changed ends with the shot gun, and began to beat the head of his victim into a pulp. As he was doing so, Nemesis of some kind pulled the trigger and the other load of buckshot was discharged into the body of Matson. Wounded almost unto death, he went home, remained there over night and the next day came to Burton, and thence to Brenham, all this time without surgical attention.

Placed in jail, he hovered between life and death many weeks, but finally recovered. Then he tried to cut his throat. Next he tried to starve himself to death, but was brought around by the sight of a big watermelon. Twice he sent for his wife, and twice sent her away with curses as she came to the prison in answer to his request.

Last night, when the officers came to take him to the asylum, he clung in desperation to the iron cell with both hands and begged to not be taken away and had to be forced loose by the combined efforts of the officers.

His is a pitiable case indeed, and shows how calamity may come, and how it may be brought about, for nothing and about nothing, by people who cannot let well enough alone and attend to their own business.

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